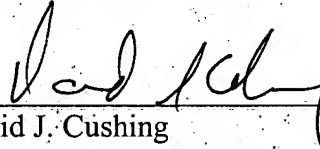


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Amended) Device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the optical fiber has a core region and an outer region, whereby the core region displays a lower photosensitivity with respect to the outer region.

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